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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER MEET TURKISH
PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AND FOREIGN MINISTER CAGL-
AYANGIL, MAY 29, 1975

1. THE PRESIDENT'S BILATERAL WITH DEMIREL WAS DEVOTED LARGELY
TO PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE ARMS EMBARGO AND CYPRUS.

2. THE PRESIDENT STATED IN STRONG TERMS HIS SUPPORT FOR THE
NATO ALLIANCE AND HIS OPPOSITION TO THE ACTION BY CONGRESS
CUTTING OFF ARMS TO TURKEY. HE SAID HE WOULD WORK WITH THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ELIMINATE THE EMBARGO AFTER HIS
RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

3. DEMIREL SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT TURKEY'S POSITION IN
ALLIANCE WITH THE FREE WORLD AGAINST COMMUNISM. HE CITED
HIS OWN ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF US/TURKISH RELATIONS AS A
STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF THE ALLIANCE AND EXPRESSED WITH MUCH
FEELING HIS DECEPTION FOLLOWING THE ARMS EMBARGO. THIS
ACTION, HE SAID, WAS UNFAIR AND COULD NOT BE EXPLAINED
TO THE TURKISH PEOPLE.

4. DEMIREL THEN REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF THE CYPRUS
DISPUTE, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE YEARS DURING WHICH THE
TURKISH POPULATION HAD, IN HIS VIEW, BEEN MISTREATED
BY THE GREEKS UNDER MAKARIOS. HE DESCRIBED TURKISH

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PACTIENCE IN 1964 AND 1967 WHEN THE TURKISH PEOPLE

HAD WANTED INTERVENTION, AND HE DESCRIBED THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE TURKISH DECISION TO INTERVENE IN 1974, CONCLUDING THAT THERE WAS NO REASON WHY TURKEY SHOULD BE PENALIZED FOR ITS ACTION.

5. AFTER THE PRESIDENT HAD REITERATED HIS INTENTION TO WORK TO BRING ABOUT AN END TO THE EMBARGO, THE SECRETARY OBSERVED THAT IF THE PRESIDENT SUCCEEDED AND THERE WAS NO PROGRESS ON CYPRUS IT WOULD CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. DEMIREL DID NOT SET ANY TIME LIMIT FOR LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, BUT HE WARNED THAT IF THE EMBARGO CONTINUED TURKEY MUST TAKE MEASURES OF ITS OWN (WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHAT).

6. THE SECRETARY REVIEWED THE STATUS OF CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS, NOTING THAT THE TURKS WERE IN A POSITION TO ACHIEVE THEIR BASIC OBJECTIVES IN RETURN FOR SOME TERRITORY. DELAY WOULD ONLY CAUSE THE GREEKS TO BECOME MORE INTRANSIGENT AND INVITE SOVIET INTERFERENCE. NOW WAS THE BEST TIME TO REACH A SETTLEMENT, AND THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO HELP. DEMIREL REPLIED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS HISTORICAL AND VERY COMPLEX. HOWEVER, IF ARMS SUPPLIES WERE RESTORED, TURKEY WOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO FIND A SOLUTION.
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